Saliva Test for Determination of Drunken Drivers

2048. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Balloon Test, to determine if someone is driving under the influence of alcohol, is not admissible in court;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to introduce Saliva Test to determine drunken drivers; and

(c) if so, by when an amendment to 'Motor Vehicles Act' to this effect is likely to be brought before Parliament?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) The Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 does not prescribe any balloon test to determine drunken driving. As such the question of its admissibility in Court does not arise.

(b) No Sir.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

Trends in Sickness of SSIS

2049. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether incidence of sickness amongst Small Scale Industries is on the increase;

(b) the trends in the sickness of Small Scale Industries during the last three years; and

(c) the number of labourers suffered due to sickness in Small Scale Industries and the details of the steps taken by Government to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) No, Sir. As per the data compiled by the Reserve Bank of

India (RBI), from the Scheduled Commercial banks, the number of sick Small Scale Industries (SSI) units has declined during the last three years *i.e.* 1999 to 2001. The number of sick SSI units in the country for the above period was as under:

Year (As at the end of March)	Number of Units
1999	3,06,221
2000	3,04,235
2001	2,49,630

(c) The RBI does not maintain data on number of labourers suffered due to sickness in SSI units.

The Government is fully seized of the problem of industrial sickness amongst the SSI units and has taken various measures to facilitate timely identification and rehabilitation of potentially viable sick industries, which *inter-alia,* includes institutional mechanism in the form of State Level Inter Institutional Committees, special rehabilitation cells in banks and State financial institutions and elaborate revised guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India for extending rehabilitation assistance to eligible units.

Seven Point Stimulous Package for SSI

2050. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will .the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CII has suggested a seven-point stimulous package for the small scale industries;

(b) if so, the details of such suggestions;

(c) whether Government propose to have a national level policy for devloping exports of the SSI sector;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what steps Government have taken or propose to take to